

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
December 4, 2008**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Peter Wolff (arrived at 8:49 a.m.; left at 9:40 a.m.) , John Pledl, and Pauline Jaske. Absent: Supervisor Peter Gundrum.

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Director of Public Works Rich Bolte, Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite, Highway Operations Manager Peter Chladil, Journal Sentinel Reporter Darryl Enriquez, County Executive Chief of Staff Allison Bussler, Hazardous Materials Coordinator Leslie Williams, Building Operations Manager Mark Keckeisen, Budget Manager Keith Swartz, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Landscape Architect Ken Keeley, and Tom Dieckelman & Mike Pjevach of Wisconsin Coach Lines.

Public Comment

Ernabelle Madushaw of Pewaukee and Lisa Connelly of Oconomowoc spoke in support of the Waukesha County Sustainability Plan.

Update on Public Hearing of November 20, 2008

There were no questions or comments regarding the Waukesha County Transit Public Hearing held on November 20, 2008.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 163-R-007: Pursue Reinstatement of Transit Service to the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in the 2009 Budget

MOTION: Pledl moved, second by Jaske, to approve Resolution 163-R-007.

Bolte reviewed the Resolution as outlined. He stated the route extension to UWM would be reinstated with no impact to the budget. Swan asked about the fare rate for the students. Bolte said it is now \$1.50, and it will be raised to \$2.00. Bussler added the fare was previously funded by the student U-Pass. The student association chose to discontinue the funding. Bussler stated it is a priority of the County Executive to provide Waukesha County residents the opportunity for a four year degree. Kolb wanted assurance that there would be no additional County money going into this route. Bolte confirmed there is no additional tax levy going to continue this route; the funding will come from the fare box revenue and State transit revenue.

Wolff arrived at 8:49 a.m.

Bolte explained that the route would be evaluated at the end of the Spring 2009 semester to determine whether the service would be continued in the Fall 2009 semester. The route would not run during the summer months.

Swan voiced his support, stating it would be counterproductive to discontinue the route. Many students, as well as other commuters use the route to travel to downtown Milwaukee and UWM. It is important for County residents to have access to a transit system that goes to a four-year campus.

Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-068: Modify 2008 Transit Services Budget

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Wolff, to approve Ordinance 163-O-068.

Bolte explained that due to a combination of higher expenditures and decreased revenues, adjustments are needed to the final 2008 budget. Crosswaite explained the details of the ordinance, which provides for an increase of \$185,000 to the 2008 Public Works Department Transit Services Budget by transferring funds from the Transportation Fund Balance. There is no levy impact; if not all of the funding is needed, it would be returned to the Transportation Fund Balance. Crosswaite further explained that due to the fuel adjustment clause, the higher costs of fuel earlier in 2008, an increase in the Paratransit costs and decreased fare box revenues, expenditures have exceeded budgeted levels. She explained that some of the higher expenses have been offset by WETAP funds, not implementing the new CMAQ route, and a higher reimbursement from State and Federal aid. Jaske asked what WETAP is. Crosswaite stated it is a Federal grant program to aid in getting people to their jobs. Olson stated the acronym stands for Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP).

Swan asked for an explanation of the term “(ultimate revenues)” on line 35. Mader stated that could best be answered by whomever drafted the ordinance, but suggested a plausible explanation may be to indicate that it is not the equivalent of using levy, that is comes from another source. Bussler agreed, stating it comes from a mix of funds; it is a combination of many revenues, possibly including some prior year levy. Discussion continued for clarification purposes and possible amendment. Wolff opined it should be left as is so that the question can be answered on the Board floor; however, lines 29 and 30 refers to tax levy support, and that may be confusing on the Board floor. Discussion continued regarding the amending line 30 for clarification and consistency purposes.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Jaske, to amend line 30 of Ordinance 163-O-068 by replacing “tax levy” with “transportation fund balance”. Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion to approve Ordinance 163-O-068 as amended carried: 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-067: Modify the Transportation Fund 2008 Budget for Additional State and County Highway Maintenance

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Jaske to approve Ordinance 163-O-067.

Bolte explained the need to re-adjust the 2008 Transportation Fund Budget for needs through the end of 2008, as outlined in the ordinance. Crosswaite stated that all of the additional expenses have been able to be covered without going into the contingency fund. She explained this ordinance appropriates additional expenditure authority totaling \$1,077,000 for the Public Works Transportation Fund 2008 budget for both State and County highway maintenance operations costs. This is mainly due to weather conditions creating higher than average snow removal and spring storm related road clean up and repairs of State and County highways. The Budget expenditures will be funded by revenues over budget, including additional State revenue reimbursements totaling \$765,000 for work performed on State highways; additional storm clean up cost reimbursement revenue of \$230,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); \$53,000 from the sale of salt, salt/sand mix, and pavement marking services to some local municipalities; and \$29,000 additional County administrative cost reimbursements from the State for State work.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 163-R-006: Support for Adoption of Waukesha County Sustainability Policy

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Meyer, to approve Resolution 163-R-006.

Williams reviewed the history and background of the development of the Waukesha County Sustainability Plan. She stated that Swan had suggested this resolution be presented for the County Board's approval in order to adopt a County sustainability policy.

Williams began the PowerPoint presentation entitled "Leading to Sustain" with an overview of the Sustainable Initiatives in the following areas:

- Building Design and Facility Management / Building Operations
- Grounds & Site Management
- Land Use & Environment
- Purchasing Decisions & Employees
- Transportation

Swan requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. Williams stated a larger version is available on the County website; however, she would provide a copy of this shorter version to Swan.

Williams continued with the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification Overview, which is referred to as a guide in construction and remodeling of County facilities projects. Keeley reviewed a modified LEED checklist of requirements. He talked about the Ice Arenas and the concept of using geothermal heat exchange, citing a possible 40% utility cost reduction. Keeley also highlighted the efforts in grounds and site management practices, including alternative approaches to landscape maintenance, salt usage, mowing and weed control.

Wolff left at 9:40 a.m.

Keckeisen reviewed some of the facility and building operations that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, and reduce costs. He reviewed the sustainability practices implemented in completed projects, as well as plans for future projects. Evans highlighted the Transportation projects and mobility designs and practices, including roundabouts and traffic signal systems. Williams continued with a review of the Land Use techniques incorporating conservation and compact development design.

Swan stated he would like to see more employee involvement/input in implementing ideas into the sustainability plan. He asked how the Waukesha County residents could be kept better informed on what is being done with regard to sustainability issues. Williams said the Sustainability Plan came out on Earth Day, and they did do some press releases to promote it. Swan voiced his support on the importance of the continual promotion of the Sustainability Plan to the citizens of Waukesha County.

Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Minutes of October 30, 2008

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Pledl, to approve the minutes of October 30, 2008.

Motion carried: 5-0

Future Meeting Dates

- January 15, 2008

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Pledl, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Motion carried: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff
Secretary